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Completed by: Erica Major **Date** January 21, 2021

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1 [Initiating Landmark Designation - San Francisco Eagle Bar]

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3 **Resolution initiating a landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for**
4 **the San Francisco Eagle Bar, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 3522, Lot No. 014, situated**
5 **within the Leather and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Cultural District.**
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7 WHEREAS, Under Planning Code, Section 1004.1, the Board of Supervisors may by
8 resolution initiate landmark designation; and

9 WHEREAS, San Francisco Eagle Bar (SF Eagle), Assessor's Parcel Block No. 3522,
10 Lot No. 014, is situated in Supervisorial District 6 within San Francisco's Leather and Lesbian,
11 Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) Cultural District in the South of Market (SOMA)
12 neighborhood and is listed as a key asset by the cultural district; and

13 WHEREAS, SF Eagle is a Legacy Business, a designation affirmed by the Historic
14 Preservation Commission and Small Business Commission, and is considered an iconic San
15 Francisco establishment that contributes greatly to the culture, character, and lore of San
16 Francisco; and

17 WHEREAS, SF Eagle has been operating at its current location since opening in
18 February of 1981 at 396-398 12th Street, the corner of 12th and Harrison, and is the name
19 sake of Eagle Plaza, a new public plaza that pays homage to SOMA's historic LGBTQ
20 community, and is the first plaza of its kind in the world; and

21 WHEREAS, The LGBTQ leather community has played an integral role in SOMA's
22 history as a neighborhood, and by the 1960's SOMA had become the epicenter of the LGBTQ
23 leather scene; and

24 WHEREAS, In 1964 a Life magazine article titled "Homosexuality in America,"
25 highlighted San Francisco's leather community, making San Francisco the unofficial capital of

1 the gay leather scene and drawing even more like-minded individuals to the city and more
2 specifically the SOMA neighborhood; and

3 WHEREAS, The Folsom and Harrison corridors in SOMA became known as the
4 'Miracle Mile' and by the 1970's counted nearly 30 different gay businesses including leather
5 bars, clubs, shops, and bathhouses; and

6 WHEREAS, The late 70's and early 80's saw the gay leather community organize to
7 protest the redevelopment of SOMA by establishing the Folsom Street Fair in 1981 and later
8 the Up Your Alley Street Fair, both of which celebrated the existing gay leather residents,
9 businesses, and culture of SOMA and currently bring in half a million people every year from
10 all over the world into the neighborhood; and

11 WHEREAS, Less than a dozen leather bars, clubs, shops, and bathhouses are left in
12 SOMA today, with several having recently closed, announcing their pending closure, or being
13 threatened with closure; and

14 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco established the Leather & LGBTQ
15 Cultural District in order to preserve the unique culture of the Western SOMA neighborhood
16 and protect the existing businesses and residents who currently call it home from
17 displacement; and

18 WHEREAS, The SF Eagle has a history as an important fundraising institution for the
19 LGBTQ community; and

20 WHEREAS, Terry Thompson, who became the bar manager of SF Eagle in 1984 and
21 managed the bar for 11 years, utilized the Eagle as a vehicle for raising over \$5 million for
22 AIDS charities and eventually helped to create the AIDS Emergency Fund (AEF); and

23 WHEREAS, Many of Thompson's events became classic fund-raisers in the SOMA bar
24 scene and several continue on at the SF Eagle today including the world famous Bare Chest
25

1 Calendar (hosted at the SF Eagle since 1985) and the wildly successful and popular Sunday
2 fund-raising beer busts; and

3 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Eagle Bar is a large open space format leather-themed
4 bar, with the second-largest outdoor patio in the City with a structure dating back to the late-
5 1800s that has been painted to reflect the colors of the leather community which are, black,
6 blue, white, and red; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of
8 San Francisco Eagle Bar, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 3522, Lot No. 014, under Planning
9 Code, Section 1004.1; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board requests that the Planning Department
11 prepare a Landmark Designation Report to submit to the Historic Preservation Commission
12 for its consideration of the special historical, architectural, and aesthetic interest and value of
13 the property; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board requests that the Historic Preservation
15 Commission review the Landmark Designation Report and any other information the Planning
16 Department may have related to the special historical, architectural, and aesthetic interest and
17 value of the San Francisco Eagle Bar; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board requests that the Historic Preservation
19 Commission consider whether the San Francisco Eagle Bar warrant landmark designation,
20 and submit its recommendation to the Board pursuant to Article 10 of the Planning Code.

From: [Rev. Victor Floyd](#)
To: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#); [Jonin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); [Lex@thesfeagle.com](#); [Mahogany, Honey \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: The SF Eagle Bar - Historic Preservation Commission
Date: Friday, January 22, 2021 11:29:24 AM

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I voice my support for creating a historical designation for The San Francisco Eagle Tavern. The Eagle is one of the few historic bars left in the city. It commemorates the rise of the leather, Levi, blue collar, working class LGBTQ community. The Eagle hosts community events that raise money for the aids emergency fund, breast cancer emergency fund, and many other charities. The eagle is an important gathering place – reliable and welcoming. Most of all, The SF Eagle deserves preservation.

Thank you.

Respectfully,
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Dear members of The Historic Preservation Commission:

I am writing in support of designating the SF Eagle bar as a historic landmark in San Francisco.

While we can't stop progress I believe it is our duty to preserve The SF Eagle because of its notable past and current significance to the gay, leather and kink communities in San Francisco and as it is known around the world. The bar has been a safe place of gatherings and celebrations, an educational and fundraising venue, a tourist destination and it has been and still is an important and influential place for GBLTQ everywhere and I believe it should remain so for future generations.

Please preserve this iconic and historic bar for the values for which we are known as a community that welcomes and embraces everyone and as a symbol of the gay leather and kink communities.

With sincere thanks for your consideration,

Jacob Myles Loyar
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Thank you, Stuart

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The Historic Preservation Commission
49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400
San Francisco, CA 94103

Hello,

I'm writing to show my support behind the effort to designate the SF Eagle bar as an historic San Francisco landmark. The SF Eagle is the cornerstone and most important physical representation of the San Francisco LGBTQ/Leather community and provides an essential safe space for individuals in that community. We meet there to acknowledge and show respect for our cultural traditions and help carry them into the future; to celebrate our hard-fought civil rights victories; to commiserate our political defeats and mourn our dead; to provide loving emotional and spiritual support for one another; to raise much-needed funds for the various non-profit organizations that provide an essential lifeline to our most vulnerable community members; and so much more.

As such, it's in perfect keeping with the spirit of the reasons for status designation as specified in Section 1001 of Article 10 of the San Francisco Planning Code: "The enhancement of human life in its educational and cultural dimensions in order to serve spiritual as well as material needs, by fostering knowledge of the living heritage of the past."

I hope the Historic Preservation Commission grants this status and helps ensure the survival of this vital community space. Thank you.

Best regards,
Alex Ray
San Francisco Resident Since 1992

From: [Warren Longmire](#)
To: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#); [Jonin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)
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From: [Race Bannon](#)
To: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#); [Jonin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)
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To:

The Historic Preservation Commission
49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400
San Francisco, CA 94103

We the undersigned comprise the entirety of the Steering Committee for the [SF Bay Area Queer Nightlife Fund](#).

Our Fund's mission is in part to enthusiastically encourage efforts to preserve and foster San Francisco's queer nightlife., We therefore strongly support the designation of The SF Eagle bar located at 398 12th Street as a historic landmark.

The Eagle has a long and important history as a vital venue for San Francisco's LGBTQ and leather communities. To say that it would be a catastrophic development to lose this venue is an understatement.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Steering Committee
[SF Bay Area Queer Nightlife Fund](#)

Committee Members:

Shannon Amitin
Race Bannon
Angel Garfold
Phil Hammack

Juanita More
Mark O'Brien
Joe Weidman

From: [Stephen Roberts](#)
To: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#); [Jonin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)
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Date: Thursday, January 21, 2021 3:09:02 PM

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my support for the designation of the San Francisco Eagle as a historic landmark. The Eagle is an iconic location for the gay community and has served as the template for Eagle bars around the world. Within the San Francisco community it has served as a gathering place during the AIDS epidemic and has served as a community meeting and fundraising space ever since. Many of those lost to AIDS during the height of the pandemic had their ashes scattered there. It would be a blow to our community if this site was lost to developers and I encourage you to help preserve it.

Thank you for your time.

Stephen Roberts
415-505-5151
srob1121@gmail.com

From: [Tony](#)
To: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#); [Jonin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: Lex@thesfeagle.com; [Mahogany, Honey \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Supporting The SF Eagle Bar - Historic Preservation Commission - Board File 201400
Date: Thursday, January 21, 2021 3:02:46 PM

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I support historic designation of the SF Eagle Bar because it is one of the places that I know that I will be welcomed with open arms and feel safe. This bar means so much to me because it has always contributed back to our community.

Thank you,
Tony Russell

From: [Jackie Siegel](#)
To: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#); [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: Lex@thesfeagle.com; [Mahogany, Honey \(BOS\)](#)
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Hello!

I would like to express my support for designating the SF Eagle Bar as a historic landmark in San Francisco.

Little has shown us the importance of public meeting places like the Covid-19 Pandemic and sheltering in place. In the best of times, communities need safe and sacred places to meet, gather, celebrate, and remember. In harder times, the most vulnerable among us need these spaces even more.

The SF Eagle is unique among the city and indeed the world, and it has been a center of queer and leather life for San Franciscans and people from all over. San Francisco is what it is because of the leather and queer community, and indeed the spaces like the SF Eagle that nourished and sheltered creativity, sexual revolution, and queer rights.

Thank you,

Jackie Siegel
Resident of San Francisco
(he/him/his)

From: [Brian Abascal](#)
To: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#); [Jonin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)
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The Historic Preservation Commission
49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400
San Francisco, CA 94103

As a SF resident, and active member of the LGBTQ and Leather communities, I want to show my support for making the SF Eagle Bar a historic landmark. This iconic building is home to a thriving community that frequently fundraises for nonprofits. It is a cultural gem that serves as a gathering place for the gay community. Please preserve its history and honor us by making it an SF historical landmark.

Sincerely,
Brian Abascal
SF, CA 94110

From: [Robert Roder](#)
To: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#); [Jonin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: lex@thesfeagle.com; [Mahogany, Honey \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Supporting The SF Eagle Bar-Historic Preservation Commission -Board File 201400
Date: Thursday, January 21, 2021 3:15:53 PM

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I would like to show my support for the SF Eagle Bar to become a Historic Landmark!

For over 40 years that I am personally aware of the SF Eagle Bar has been a core supporter of the LGBTQ community. They have raised millions of dollars for different charities. They have been a refuge for so many. They have been a place where clubs and organizations from every walk of the LGBTQ community could go and have a place to express their individual freedoms.

After we have lost so much, now is the time to rescue and recognize what we have.

The SF Eagle is an institution of the LGBTQ community. Please Grant them Historic Landmark Status.

Thank you,

Robert M Roder
415-676-9669
505 West 100 South
Apt 457
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

From: [Dave Fong](#)
To: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#); [Jonin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); [Lex@thesfeagle.com](#); [Mahogany, Honey \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Subject: Supporting The SF Eagle Bar - Historic Preservation Commission - Board File 201400
Date: Thursday, January 21, 2021 4:09:03 PM

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I support The SF Eagle Bar be given Historic Status because it was been an long time supporter of the gay community. Many gay men and women have found this bar as their home during sunday beer busts and the holidays when their own blood family has turned their back on them. It is an important part of the city's history in the SOMA district has evolved.

Sincerely,
David Fong

From: [Joseph Coloff](#)
To: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Jonin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Supporting The SF Eagle Bar - Historic Preservation Commission - Board File 201400
Date: Thursday, January 21, 2021 4:17:02 PM

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The Historic Preservation Commission
49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400

I support the historic designation of the San Francisco Eagle and the simple truth is during this pandemic the LGBTQ+ community especially the leather community of SF seems to be losing our safe spaces. My personal history started back in the 1990s, the San Francisco Eagle was the 1st bar that I went to when I first came here to live. I'm originally from Detroit and we had our own Eagle which sadly closed many years ago. Not only is the SF Eagle a local Bar it stands as a landmark to the international LGBTQ+ community. Please Grant the SF Eagle Historic Designation.

Sincerely,
Joe Coloff
SF Drummerboy 1996-97
Mr. American Rubber 2013.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Martin Willmann](#)
To: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#); [Jonin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: Lex@thesfeagle.com; [Mahogany, Honey \(BOS\)](#)
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To whom it may concern. We are German immigrants my husband and I and coming to San Francisco was always a symbol for being free of any judgement for being gay.
And just a few places like the Harvey milk bar or the sf eagle stand out as a beacon for that that is why we both are in favor and support the historic designation.

Best Martin & Dietmar.

From: [Mark Bonsignore](#)
To: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#); [Jonin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); [Mahogany, Honey \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: SF Eagle Bar: Historic Preservation 201400
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Historic Preservation Commission,

Attached is my letter in support of the San Francisco Eagle Bar's application for historical status.

If there is any additional information I can provide, please feel free to reach out,

--

Mark Bonsignore

Project Manager
Parks + Place

San Francisco Parks Alliance

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San Francisco, CA 94103

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49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400
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To whom it may Concern,

I have had the pleasure of working with the SF Eagle Bar and neighboring LGBTQ community organizations for the past three years in an effort to bring the world's first leather plaza to SoMa; Eagle Plaza.

As a project manager for the San Francisco Parks Alliance, working around the city with a diverse population of citizens and sites, I have found no other group of citizens more supportive and eager to improve their community than the LGBTQ SoMa population, including the Friends of Eagle Plaza, the Leather Cultural District and SF Bay Area Leather Alliance.

I have seen first-hand the impact the SF Eagle bar has on not only San Francisco's population, but for cities around the country that support LGTBQ businesses that have been historically depleted of the necessary funds and rights given to similar businesses.

Every Sunday (outside of COVID), the bar provides an event to supporting a local non-profit, where proceeds from liquor and food sales go; an invaluable resource to this community.

In addition, the outreach that the bar gets nationwide from spectators looking to visit the city for annual celebrations, such as Folsom Street Fair or Dorey Alley, provide a huge economic boost to the area. Within just one afternoon in April of 2019, the Friends of Eagle Plaza organized a street festival outside the bar to raise funds for the proposed Eagle Plaza. The group was able to raise over \$10,000.00 in just a few hours, a small snapshot of this communities' efforts to support not only each other, but the businesses and landmarks that make up our great city.

Myself and the San Francisco Parks Alliance completely support the San Francisco Eagle Bar's application for landmark status.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bonsignore'.

Mark Bonsignore

From: [Cal Callahan](#)
To: [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); [Low, Jen \(BOS\)](#); [Mahogany, Honey \(BOS\)](#); [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Robert Goldfarb](#); [Bob Goldfarb](#); [Lex](#)
Subject: Leather District Supports SF Eagle Landmark Designation
Date: Thursday, January 21, 2021 4:29:14 PM
Attachments: [SF Eagle Support Letter.docx](#)

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Dear Supervisors and Committee Members, please find our letter of support for the SF Eagle's landmark designation. Thank you for your consideration.

--

Cal Callahan
District Manager
(Pronouns: he, him)

LEATHER & LGBTQ Cultural District
584 Castro Street #140
San Francisco, CA 94114
info@SFLCD.org
415-237-3237

January 21, 2021

Supervisor Melgar
Supervisor Preston
Supervisor Peskin
Land Use and Transportation Committee
City and County of San Francisco
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Supervisors and Committee Members,

We are writing in support of the SF Eagle's landmark designation. The Eagle has been a linchpin in the SOMA culture for many years and is an important partner for the LEATHER & LGBTQ Cultural District. Its famed Sunday Beer Bust is a stand-by for hundreds, if not thousands, of patrons every week. It is a priority destination for out-of-town visitors, as well as providing a fundraiser for dozens of local nonprofits every year.

It has been the home of countless live music shows, contests, and social events. It is more than a bar, more than a series of events, it is an institution of the gay community's culture. For many, the SF Eagle IS SOMA. Being granted historical landmark status would help ensure that this cornerstone of the community remains the resource it has been for so many years.

We strongly urge the passage of SF Eagle's landmark designation on behalf of the residents of SOMA, visitors to the District, and the neighboring businesses which benefit from the consistent influx of patrons. It is an extremely significant piece of our cultural heritage and an important factor in the vitality of the LEATHER & LGBTQ Cultural District.

Sincerely,



Bob Goldfarb
President, LEATHER & LGBTQ Cultural District

From: pup@morty.me
To: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#); [Jonin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: Lex@thesfeagle.com; [Mahogany, Honey \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Supporting The SF Eagle Bar - Historic Preservation Commission - Board File 201400
Date: Thursday, January 21, 2021 8:15:31 PM

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Hello,

Please help the Eagle achieve historic landmark status. It has been around for decades and it a vital gathering place for our community. Many social organizations use that place for their events.

Thank you for your attention,

Mark Sockness
Treasurer, SF K9 Unit
Associate Member of The 15 Association

From: [Boomer Ullrich](#)
To: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#); [Jonin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: lex@thesfeagle.com; [Mahogany, Honey \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Supporting The SF Eagle Bar - Historic Preservation Commission - Board File 201400
Date: Thursday, January 21, 2021 8:04:03 PM

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To the member of the San Francisco Historic Preservation Committee-

When I first moved to San Francisco, I hardly knew anyone. During the years I lived in the Bay Area, my relationships with many of the people I now consider family started when I met them at Sunday beer bust, karaoke with the inimitable Beth Bicoastal, the make out parties, or any of the other nights of fantastic queer entertainment. The SF Eagle is not only woven into my personal history as a queer man, but into the stories of all of the queer people who have ever found a home and a family at The Eagle and thus in the San Francisco queer community. Designating The SF Eagle as a historic landmark would be a testament to everything The Eagle has given to the city and its residents.

Respectfully,

Boomer Ullrich

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Simon Schrick-Senasac](#)
To: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: Lex@thesfeagle.com; [Mahogany, Honey \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Supporting The SF Eagle Bar - Historic Preservation Commission - Board File 201400
Date: Thursday, January 21, 2021 7:58:42 PM

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The Historic Preservation Commission
49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400
San Francisco, CA 94103

To whom it may concern:

I wholly support the historic designation of the SF Eagle Bar. The SF Eagle has been part of the LGBT community for generations. It's historical and cultural significance cannot be understated. In addition to having spent time there myself, many of my contemporaries, from whom I have learned how to be the gay man I am today, attribute their own cultural upbringing to time in SF affiliated with the SF Eagle.

Thank you for your consideration.
Simon Schrick-Senasac, DO

From: [Eoin Thomas O'Hehir](#)
To: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#); [Jonin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: Lex@thesfeagle.com; [Mahogany, Honey \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Supporting The SF Eagle Bar - Historic Preservation Commission - Board File 201400
Date: Thursday, January 21, 2021 6:35:01 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I support the historic designation for the SF Eagle. It is special to me, and I don't want another meeting place for LGBTQ+ folks taken away from us and defaced like The Stud was.

Thank you,
Eoin Thomas O'Hehir

From: [Mckuin, Patrick](#)
To: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); Lex@thesfeagle.com; [Mahogany, Honey \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Supporting The SF Eagle Bar - Historic Preservation Commission - Board File 201400
Date: Thursday, January 21, 2021 6:32:57 PM

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Coming to San Francisco five short years ago. I was a mostly closeted, mostly conservative, 1st year law student at UC Hastings.

I still remember day 2 of orientation, being grabbed by Zac, an incredibly flamboyant SF local, as he yelled, 'YOU'VE NEVER BEEN TO A GAY BAR!!!!' He was in my section, but a few years older than I was, not surprising though as I was only 22.

He dragged me to The Eagle that night. And I have dragged him back many subsequent nights.

The Eagle is where I became the person I am today. The Eagle is home. Whether it be Frolic, Woof, or just games night, it has such a welcoming, open atmosphere that I was able to come out of my shell for the first time in my life. The Eagle is where I met my boyfriend of two years and many of my friends.

To me. The Eagle is the most important building in San Francisco. The Eagle changed my life in so many ways I can never fully describe. And I hope it is protected for the future, so that it may have that same impact on others.

Thank you for taking the time to read this,
Patrick McKuin

From: [Travis Trick](#)
To: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#); [Jonin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: Lex@thesfeagle.com; [Mahogany, Honey \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Supporting The SF Eagle Bar - Historic Preservation Commission - Board File 201400
Date: Thursday, January 21, 2021 6:29:46 PM

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Greetings,

During the hearing taking place on Monday, January 25th, I would appreciate your voice and support to designate the SF Eagle bar as a historic landmark. This location has been part of the area for more than 35 years and supports many in the local and surrounding communities.

Thank you,
Martin Levario

From: [Angel Garfold LA President](#)
To: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#); [Jonin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Christopher Wood](#); lex@sf-eagle.com; [Mahogany, Honey \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Supporting The Eagle Bar - Historic Preservation Commission - Board File 201400
Date: Thursday, January 21, 2021 5:19:44 PM

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Attn:
The Historic Preservation Commission
49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400
San Francisco, CA 94103

Good day everyone,

We, the undersigned, represent the SF Bay Area Leather Alliance.

The Alliance's mission is in part to enthusiastically encourage efforts to preserve and foster San Francisco's queer, leather, and fetish communities. We, therefore, strongly support the designation of The Eagle bar located at 398 12th Street as a historic landmark.

The Eagle has a long and important history as a vital venue for San Francisco's LGBTQ and leather communities. To say that it would be a catastrophic development to lose this venue is an understatement.

Thank you for your time in this matter,

Angel Garfold, President, SF Bay Area Leather Alliance
Christopher Wood, Vice President, SF Bay Area Leather Alliance

From: [Sal Mattos](#)
To: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#); [Jonin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Lex@thesfeagle.com](#); [Mahogany, Honey \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Supporting The SF Eagle Bar - Historic Preservation Commission - Board File 201400
Date: Thursday, January 21, 2021 4:53:26 PM

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Hello Historic Preservation Commission team,

My name is Sal Mattos and I am an actor, writer, drag queen, and lifelong resident of San Francisco.

It goes without saying that this past year has been particularly devastating to local businesses, particularly queer organizations. We've already seen one historic spot, The Stud, have to move away from its longtime venue, in addition to other venues closing up for good.

We cannot have this happen to The Eagle, an institution with years of history tied directly to SF's own queer history. It is of particular importance to the leather community, and is even literally physically at the center of the leather cultural district. To put it simply: San Francisco is not San Francisco without the Eagle.

Please consider granting the SF Eagle historic preservation status to help ensure that this institution can survive not only the pandemic but also the wave of changes to the city that are sure to follow it.

Thank you!

--

Sal Mattos
Actor, Writer
[@salmattos](#)

From: [Robert Goldfarb](#)
To: [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); [Low, Jen \(BOS\)](#); [Mahogany, Honey \(BOS\)](#); [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#); [Lex Montiel](#)
Subject: SF Eagle Bar - Support for Landmark Designation
Date: Thursday, January 21, 2021 11:26:32 PM
Attachments: [2021-01-21 - letter of support for Eagle Bar Landmark designation.pdf](#)

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Hello,

Please see the attached letter supporting the Landmark Designation for the SF Eagle Bar.

Thanks!

Bob Goldfarb
President (Pronouns: he, him)
Friends of Eagle Plaza

Friends of the Eagle Plaza, Inc.
584 Castro Street, #140
San Francisco, CA 94114

January 21, 2021

Supervisor Melgar
Supervisor Preston
Supervisor Peskin
Land Use and Transportation Committee
City and County of San Francisco
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Supervisors:

I am writing in support of the SF Eagle's landmark designation.

The Eagle has been the center of leather culture in SOMA for decades. They host community fundraisers at least weekly and are a "must" destination for visitors from throughout the world.

Landmark status would help denote the important role the location has played in the leather & LGBTQ communities for so long.

I urge you to support the landmark designation for the SF Eagle bar.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Goldfarb", written in a cursive style.

Bob Goldfarb
President
Friends of Eagle Plaza

From: [L.M. West](#)
To: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#); [Jonin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: Lex@thesfeagle.com; [Mahogany, Honey \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Supporting The SF Eagle Bar - Historic Preservation Commission - Board File 201400
Date: Friday, January 22, 2021 8:24:59 AM

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To -

The Historic Preservation Commission
49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400
San Francisco, CA 94103

I support the historic designation of The SF Eagle Bar because this business represents the history of GLBT people in San Francisco.

Thank you,
Lindsay West

From: [Alexandre Stutzmann](#)
To: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#); [Jonin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: Lex@thesfeagle.com; [Mahogany, Honey \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Supporting the SF Eagle Bar - Historic Preservation Commission - Board File 201400
Date: Friday, January 22, 2021 8:23:25 AM

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Dear friends of the SF Eagle,

As a French lover of SF, of its vibe and respect of diversity, I was very happy to hear that there is an ongoing process to designate the SF Eagle as a historic landmark! I very much welcome this initiative and support it wholeheartedly! I am looking forward to visiting as soon as the pandemic is over!

Warm regards,
Alexandre Stutzmann

From: [Peter Berman](#)
To: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Eagle bar as a landmark
Date: Friday, January 22, 2021 6:23:36 AM

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>>>> Good morning.

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>>>> I am writing to express my full support to grant the SF Eagle Bar historical status and to urge you to support this move. This space is more than just a bar—nearly a second home for me. It is here that I feel welcome and included, as a kinky leatherman. Please help me protect my cherished space.

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>>>> Peter Berman, MD MPH

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>>>> Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jamey Allen](#)
To: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#); [Jonin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: Lex@thesfeagle.com; [Mahogany, Honey \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Supporting The SF Eagle Bar - Historic Preservation Commission
Date: Friday, January 22, 2021 3:48:57 AM

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Good day to you all,

As a patron of The SF Eagle bar for nearly thirty years, and believing in the importance of this building and business to our community, I urge you to approve the request for historical designation certification.

Our hopes are with you.

Sincerely, JD Allen

BOARD of SUPERVISORS



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San Francisco 94102-4689
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TDD/TTY No. 554-5227

MEMORANDUM

TO: Rich Hillis, Director, Planning Department
Jonas Ionin, Commission Secretary, Historic Preservation Commission

FROM: Erica Major, Assistant Clerk, Land Use and Transportation Committee

DATE: December 22, 2020

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Transportation Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Supervisor Haney on December 15, 2020:

File No. 201400

Resolution initiating a landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for the San Francisco Eagle Bar, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 3522, Lot No. 014, situated within the Leather and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Cultural District.

If you have comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102 or by email at: erica.major@sfgov.org.

cc: Corey Teague, Planning Department
Dan Sider, Planning Department
Laura Lynch, Planning Department
Scott Sanchez, Planning Department
Lisa Gibson, Planning Department
Devyani Jain, Planning Department
Adam Varat, Planning Department
AnMarie Rodgers, Planning Department
Aaron Starr, Planning Department
Andrea Ruiz-Esquide, Deputy City Attorney
Joy Navarrete, Planning Department

Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

Time stamp
or meeting date

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- ☐ 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment).
- ☒ 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee.
- ☐ 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee.
- ☐ 4. Request for letter beginning : "Supervisor inquiries"
- ☐ 5. City Attorney Request.
- ☐ 6. Call File No. from Committee.
- ☐ 7. Budget Analyst request (attached written motion).
- ☐ 8. Substitute Legislation File No.
- ☐ 9. Reactivate File No.
- ☐ 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on

Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following:

- ☐ Small Business Commission ☐ Youth Commission ☐ Ethics Commission
- ☐ Planning Commission ☐ Building Inspection Commission

Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Form.

Sponsor(s):

Haney, Ronen, Preston, Mandleman

Subject:

Initiating Landmark Designation – San Francisco Eagle Bar

The text is listed:

Resolution initiating landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for the San Francisco Eagle Bar, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 3522, Lot No. 014, situated within the Leather & LGBTQ Cultural District.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: MATT HANEY

For Clerk's Use Only

From: [Mahogany, Honey \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#); [Kilgore, Preston \(BOS\)](#); [Gee, Natalie \(BOS\)](#); [Temprano, Tom \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Resolution Initiating Landmark Status for the SF Eagle
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 7:32:16 PM
Attachments: [Introduction Form Resolution Initiating Landmark for SF Eagle.pdf](#)
[Resolution Initiating Landmark of SF Eagle Bar.docx](#)

Hello Clerks,

Please find attached a Resolution initiating the process for Landmarking the SF Eagle that was introduced by Supervisor Haney at this week's Board Meeting.

I have cc'ed staff for Supervisors Ronen, Preston, Walton, and Mandleman to confirm their co-sponsorship.

Please let me know if you need anything else from me.

Best,

Honey Mahogany, MSW
Pronouns: she/her or they/them
Legislative Aide
Supervisor Matt Haney

From: [Gee, Natalie \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Mahogany, Honey \(BOS\)](#); [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#); [Kilgore, Preston \(BOS\)](#); [Temprano, Tom \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Resolution Initiating Landmark Status for the SF Eagle
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 7:45:25 PM

Confirming for Supervisor Walton. Thank you Honey!

Natalie Gee 朱凱勤, Chief of Staff
Office of District 10 **Supervisor Shamann Walton**
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl, San Francisco | Room 282
Direct: 415.554.7672 | **Office:** 415.554.7670

*I am working from home due to the **COVID-19 Stay Safer At Home order** and will be most responsive by email.*

From: Mahogany, Honey (BOS) <honey.mahogany@sfgov.org>
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 7:32 PM
To: BOS Legislation, (BOS) <bos.legislation@sfgov.org>
Cc: Haney, Matt (BOS) <matt.haney@sfgov.org>, Beinart, Amy (BOS) <amy.beinart@sfgov.org>, Kilgore, Preston (BOS) <preston.kilgore@sfgov.org>, Gee, Natalie (BOS) <natalie.gee@sfgov.org>, Temprano, Tom (BOS) <tom.temprano@sfgov.org>
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Legislative Aide

Supervisor Matt Haney

From: [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Mahogany, Honey \(BOS\)](#); [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Kilgore, Preston \(BOS\)](#); [Gee, Natalie \(BOS\)](#); [Temprano, Tom \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: RE: Resolution Initiating Landmark Status for the SF Eagle
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 7:51:19 PM

Yes, confirming for Supervisor Ronen!

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Amy Beinart | Legislative Aide/Chief of Staff

Office of Supervisor Hillary Ronen

amy.beinart@sfgov.org

<https://sfbos.org/supervisor-ronen-district-9>

From: Mahogany, Honey (BOS) <honey.mahogany@sfgov.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 7:32 PM
To: BOS Legislation, (BOS) <bos.legislation@sfgov.org>
Cc: Haney, Matt (BOS) <matt.haney@sfgov.org>; Beinart, Amy (BOS) <amy.beinart@sfgov.org>; Kilgore, Preston (BOS) <preston.kilgore@sfgov.org>; Gee, Natalie (BOS) <natalie.gee@sfgov.org>; Temprano, Tom (BOS) <tom.temprano@sfgov.org>
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Best,

Honey Mahogany, MSW

Pronouns: she/her or they/them

Legislative Aide

Supervisor Matt Haney

From: [Kilgore, Preston \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Mahogany, Honey \(BOS\)](#); [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#); [Gee, Natalie \(BOS\)](#); [Temprano, Tom \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Resolution Initiating Landmark Status for the SF Eagle
Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 2:43:58 PM

Sponsorship confirmed. Apologies for the delay.

From: "Mahogany, Honey (BOS)" <honey.mahogany@sfgov.org>
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 7:32 PM
To: "BOS Legislation, (BOS)" <bos.legislation@sfgov.org>
Cc: "Haney, Matt (BOS)" <matt.haney@sfgov.org>, "Beinart, Amy (BOS)" <amy.beinart@sfgov.org>, "Kilgore, Preston (BOS)" <preston.kilgore@sfgov.org>, "Gee, Natalie (BOS)" <natalie.gee@sfgov.org>, "Temprano, Tom (BOS)" <tom.temprano@sfgov.org>
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Best,

Honey Mahogany, MSW

Pronouns: she/her or they/them

Legislative Aide

Supervisor Matt Haney

From: [Mahogany, Honey \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#); [Kilgore, Preston \(BOS\)](#); [Gee, Natalie \(BOS\)](#); [Temprano, Tom \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Resolution Initiating Landmark Status for the SF Eagle
Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 2:39:19 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello,

The Reso looks good with edits. I'm sorry for confusion. Supervisor Walton was the final one to sign on so should be listed after Mandleman.

Thank you,

Honey Mahogany, MSW
Pronouns: she/her or they/them
Legislative Aide
Supervisor Matt Haney

From: BOS Legislation, (BOS) <bos.legislation@sfgov.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 1:44 PM
To: Mahogany, Honey (BOS) <honey.mahogany@sfgov.org>; BOS Legislation, (BOS) <bos.legislation@sfgov.org>
Cc: Haney, Matt (BOS) <matt.haney@sfgov.org>; Beinart, Amy (BOS) <amy.beinart@sfgov.org>; Kilgore, Preston (BOS) <preston.kilgore@sfgov.org>; Gee, Natalie (BOS) <natalie.gee@sfgov.org>; Temprano, Tom (BOS) <tom.temprano@sfgov.org>
Subject: RE: Resolution Initiating Landmark Status for the SF Eagle

Hi Honey,

Please see attached for proof of clerical edits. Would you be able to confirm the order of the sponsorship? The introduction form lists the sponsors as Supervisors Haney, Ronen, Preston, and Mandelman, while your email below indicates Supervisors Ronen, Preston, Walton, and Mandelman.

Kindly review and confirm the clerical and formatting changes are acceptable. Thank you.

Best regards,
Jocelyn Wong
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102
T: 415.554.7702 | F: 415.554.5163
jocelyn.wong@sfgov.org | www.sfbos.org

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From: Mahogany, Honey (BOS) <honey.mahogany@sfgov.org>

Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 7:32 PM

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Best,

Honey Mahogany, MSW
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[Initiating Landmark Designation ~~--~~ San Francisco Eagle Bar]

Resolution initiating a landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for the San Francisco Eagle Bar, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 3522, Lot No. 014, situated within the Leather and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer & LGBTQ Cultural District.

WHEREAS, Under Planning Code, Section 1004.1, the Board of Supervisors may by resolution initiate landmark designation; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco Eagle Bar (SF Eagle), Assessor's Parcel Block No. 3522, Lot No. 014, is situated in Supervisorial District 6 within San Francisco's Leather and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer & LGBTQ Cultural District in the South of Market (SOMA) neighborhood and is listed as a key asset by the cultural district; and

WHEREAS, SF Eagle is a Legacy Business, a designation affirmed by the Historic Preservation Commission and Small Business Commission, and is considered an iconic San Francisco establishment that contributes greatly to the culture, character, and lore of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, SF Eagle has been operating at its current location since opening in February of 1981 at 396-398 12th Street, the corner of 12th and Harrison, and is the namesake of Eagle Plaza, a new public plaza that pays homage to SOMA's historic LGBTQ community, and is the first plaza of its kind in the world; and

WHEREAS, The LGBTQ leather community has played an integral role in SOMA's history as a neighborhood, and by the 1960's SOMA had become the epicenter of the LGBTQ leather scene; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1964 a Life magazine article titled "Homosexuality in America,"
2 highlighted San Francisco's leather community, making San Francisco the unofficial capital of
3 the gay leather scene and drawing even more like-minded individuals to the city and more
4 specifically the SOMA neighborhood; and

5 WHEREAS, The Folsom and Harrison corridors in SOMA became known as the
6 'Miracle Mile' and by the 1970's counted nearly 30 different gay businesses including leather
7 bars, clubs, shops, and bathhouses; and

8 WHEREAS, The late 70's and early 80's saw the gay leather community organize to
9 protest the redevelopment of SOMA by establishing the Folsom Street Fair in 1981 and later
10 the Up Your Alley Street Fair, both of which celebrated the existing gay leather residents,
11 businesses, and culture of SOMA and currently bring in half a million people every year from
12 all over the world into the neighborhood; and

13 WHEREAS, Less than a dozen leather bars, clubs, shops, and bathhouses are left in
14 SOMA today, with several having recently closed, announcing their pending closure, or being
15 threatened with closure; and

16 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco established the Leather & LGBTQ
17 Cultural District in order to preserve the unique culture of the Western SOMA neighborhood
18 and protect the existing businesses and residents who currently call it home from
19 displacement; and

20 WHEREAS, The SF Eagle has a history as an important fundraising institution for the
21 LGBTQ community; and

22 WHEREAS, Terry Thompson, who became the bar manager of SF Eagle in 1984 and
23 managed the bar for 11 years, utilized the Eagle as a vehicle for raising over \$5 million for
24 AIDS charities and eventually helped to create the AIDS Emergency Fund (AEF); and
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1 WHEREAS, Many of Thompson's events became classic fund-raisers in the SOMA bar
2 scene and several continue on at the SF Eagle today including the world famous Bare Chest
3 Calendar (hosted at the SF Eagle since 1985) and the wildly successful and popular Sunday
4 fund-raising beer busts; and

5 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Eagle Bar is a large open space format leather-themed
6 bar, with the second-largest outdoor patio in the City with a structure dating back to the late-
7 1800s that has been painted to reflect the colors of the leather community which are, black,
8 blue, white, and red; now, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of
10 San Francisco Eagle Bar, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 3522, Lot No. 014, under Planning
11 Code, Section 1004.1; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board requests that the Planning Department
13 prepare a Landmark Designation Report to submit to the Historic Preservation Commission
14 for its consideration of the special historical, architectural, and aesthetic interest and value of
15 the property; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board requests that the Historic Preservation
17 Commission review the Landmark Designation Report and any other information the Planning
18 Department may have related to the special historical, architectural, and aesthetic interest and
19 value of the San Francisco Eagle Bar; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board requests that the Historic Preservation
21 Commission consider whether the San Francisco Eagle Bar warrant landmark designation,
22 and submit its recommendation to the Board pursuant to Article 10 of the Planning Code.